

# **SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**August 11, 2006**

**Michael E. Harper**, 55, of 607 West Quincy Road, Seneca, South Carolina, was arrested by SLED agents on Friday, August 11, 2006, and charged with **one (1) count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 1st Degree; one (1) count of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, 2nd Degree; and two (2) counts of Lewd Act upon a Minor.**

Harper was arrested on Friday afternoon at approximately 12:00 p.m. and was booked at the Oconee County Detention Center. At the time of the alleged offenses, Harper was a member of the Oconee County Council.

The arrest is a result of an investigation conducted by SLED at the request of the Seneca Police Department. The case will be prosecuted by the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Solicitor's Office.

\* Warrants Attached.

## ARREST WARRANT

K- 038427

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
 OCONEE COUNTY

 THE STATE  
 against

HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE

Address: 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD

SENECA, SC 29678

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5'10" Weight: 175

DL State: SC DL#:

DOB: 12/15/1950 Agency ORI#:

Prosecuting Agency:

Prosecuting Officer: ANY LAWFUL OFFICER

Offense: LEWD ACT UPON MINOR

Offense Code: 2468

Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-15-140

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
 PICKENS

 The accused  
 is to be arrested and brought before me to be  
 dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date: 08-11-06

## RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE

on 8-11-06

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
O.L.E.C.415 SOUTH PINE STREET  
WALHALLA, S.C. 29691

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
 OCONEE COUNTY

## AFFIDAVIT

 Form Approved by  
 S.C. Attorney General  
 April 21, 2003  
 SCCA 618

 Personally appeared before me the affiant SCOTT SORENSON who  
 being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE  
 did within this county and state on 04/27/85-04/26/88 violate the criminal laws of the  
 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of OCONEE )  
 in the following particulars:

## DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: LEWD ACT UPON MINOR

16-15-140

LEWD ACT A CHILD UNDER 16

 I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit  
 the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

 BETWEEN THE DATES OF APRIL 27, 1985 AND APRIL 26, 1988 MICHAEL EARLE HARPER  
 A NOW 56 YEAR OLD MALE DID WILLFULLY AND INTENTIONALLY COMMIT LEWD ACTS UPON  
 A MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN. THE DEFENDANT DID IN THIS TIMEFRAME, ON  
 SEVERAL OCCASIONS COMMIT A LEWD ACT UPON A MINOR CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF  
 SIXTEEN WITH THE INTENT TO AROUSE, APPEAL TO AND GRATIFY HIS SEXUAL DESIRES.  
 THE DEFENDANT LIVED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE VICTIM AND COMMITTED LEWD  
 ACTS UPON THE VICTIM AT THE DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 607 WEST  
 QUINCY ROAD, SENECA, SC THIS BEING A VIOLATION OF SC CODE OF LAWS.

Signature of Affiant

 Affiant's Address S.L.E.D. / 301 E N STREET  
 GREENVILLE, SC 29601

Affiant's Telephone 864 467-8111 000-0000

## ARREST WARRANT

## TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

 It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that  
 on 04/27/85-04/26/88 defendant HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE  
 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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## DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE:

LEWD ACT UPON MINOR

16-15-140

LEWD ACT A CHILD UNDER 16

 Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said  
 defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to  
 the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on AUGUST 11 2006

Signature of Issuing Judge

Judge Code: 436

B.W. GERRARD

Judge's Address 15873 WELLS HWY

SENECA, SC 29678

Judge's Telephone 864 888-1460

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL



## ARREST WARRANT

K- 038428

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
 OCONEE COUNTY

## THE STATE

against

HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE

 Address: 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD  
 SENECA, SC 29678

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5'10" Weight: 175

DL State: SC DL#: [REDACTED]

DOB: 12/15/1950 Agency ORI#: [REDACTED]

Prosecuting Agency: [REDACTED]

Prosecuting Officer: ANY LAWFUL OFFICER

Offense: LEWD ACT UPON MINOR

Offense Code: 2468

Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-15-140

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 PICKENS

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Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date: 08-11-06

## RETURN

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on 8-11-06

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

 OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
 O.L.E.C.  
 415 SOUTH PINE STREET  
 WALHALLA, S.C. 29691

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
 OCONEE COUNTY

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16-15-140

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 I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit  
 the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

 BETWEEN THE DATES OF APRIL 27, 1988 AND APRIL 26, 1991 MICHAEL EARLE HARPER  
 A NOW 56 YEAR OLD MALE DID WILLFULLY AND INTENTIONALLY COMMIT LEWD ACTS UPON  
 A MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN. THE DEFENDANT DID IN THIS TIMEFRAME, ON  
 SEVERAL OCCASIONS COMMIT A LEWD ACT UPON A MINOR CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF  
 SIXTEEN WITH THE INTENT TO AROUSE, APPEAL TO AND GRATIFY HIS SEXUAL DESIRES.  
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 QUINCY ROAD, SENECA, SC THIS BEING A VIOLATION OF SC CODE OF LAWS.

Signature of Affiant

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 GREENVILLE, SC 29601

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## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
 OCONEE

## ARREST WARRANT

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 on 04/27/88-04/26/91 defendant HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE  
 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of OCONEE ) as set forth below:

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16-15-140

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SENECA, SC 29678

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 Form Approved by  
 S.C. Attorney General  
 April 21, 2003  
 SCCA 618

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## ARREST WARRANT

K- 038424

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
OCONEE COUNTY

## THE STATE

against

HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE

 Address: 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD  
SENECA, SC 29678

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5'10" Weight: 175DL State: SC DL #: \_\_\_\_\_DOB: 12/15/1950 Agency ORI#: \_\_\_\_\_

Prosecuting Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Prosecuting Officer: ANY LAWFUL OFFICEROffense: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, 1ST DEGREEOffense Code: 0160Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-3-652

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
PICKENS

 The accused  
is to be arrested and brought before me to be  
dealt with according to law.

Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

Date: 03-11-06

## RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant HARPER, MICHAEL EARLEon 5-11-06

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

## RETURN WARRANT TO:

OCONEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
O.L.E.C.415 SOUTH PINE STREET  
WALHALLA, S.C. 29691

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
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April 21, 2003  
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did within this county and state on 04/27/85-04/26/88 violate the criminal laws of the  
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of OCONEE)  
in the following particulars:

 DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, 1ST DEGREE  
16-3-652

 I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit  
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

 IN THAT THE DEFENDANT DID BETWEEN THE DATES OF APRIL 27, 1985 AND APRIL  
26, 1988, MICHAEL EARLE HARPER A 56 YEAR OLD MALE DID WILLFULLY AND  
INTENTIONALLY COMMIT THE OFFENSE OF FIRST DEGREE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT  
WITH A MINOR BY ENGAGING IN SEXUAL BATTERY WITH A MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF  
11 YEARS OF AGE. THE DEFENDANT DID LIVE IN CLOSE PROSMIMITY TO THE VICTIM  
AND OVER THE COURSE OF THESE YEARS SEXUALLY ASSAULT THE VICTIM AT THE  
DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 607 WEST QUNICY ROAD, SENECA, SC.  
THIS BEING IN VIOLATION OF SC CODE OF LAWS.

Signature of Affiant

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
OCONEE

 Affiant's Address S.L.E.D. / 301 E N STREET  
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## ARREST WARRANT

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did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, 1ST DEGREE

16-3-652

 Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said  
defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to  
the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on AUGUST 11, 2006

Signature of Issuing Judge

(L.S.)

Judge's Address 15873 WELLS HWYJudge Code: 436

B.W. GERRARD

Judge's Address 15873 WELLS HWYSENECA, SC 29678Judge's Telephone 864 888-1460Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

ORIGINAL



## ARREST WARRANT

K- 038425

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
 OCONEE COUNTY

## THE STATE

against

HARPER, MICHAEL EARLE

 Address: 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD  
 SENECA, SC 29678

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: W Height: 5'10" Weight: 175

DL State: SC DL#:

DOB: 12/15/1950 Agency ORI#:

Prosecuting Agency:

Prosecuting Officer: ANY LAWFUL OFFICER

 Offense: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, 2ND  
 DEGREE Offense Code: 0161

Code/Ordinance Sec. 16-3-655 B

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
 PICKENS

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Signature of Judge

(L.S.)

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 State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of OCONEE )  
 in the following particulars:

 DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, 2ND DEGREE  
 16-3-655 B CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, 1

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 A NOW 56 YEAR OLD MALE DID WILLFULLY AND INTENTIONALLY COMMIT THE OFFENSE  
 OF SECOND DEGREE CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR BY ENGAGING IN SEXUAL  
 BATTERY WITH A MINOR UNDER THE AGE OF 14 YEARS AND OVER THE AGE OF 11 YEARS.  
 THE DEFENDANT LIVED IN CLOSED PROXIMITY TO THE VICTIM AND OVER THE COURSE  
 OF THIS TIME SEXUALLY ASSAULTED THE VICTIM AT THE DEFENDANT'S RESIDENCE  
 LOCATED AT 607 WEST QUINCY ROAD, SENECA, SC ON SEVERAL OCCASSIONS. THIS  
 BEING A VIOLATION OF S.C. CODE OF LAWS.

Signature of Affiant

## STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of  
 OCONEE

 Affiant's Address S.L.E.D. / 301 E N STREET  
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 did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of OCONEE ) as set forth below:

 DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, 2ND DEGREE  
 16-3-655 B CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT, 1

 Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said  
 defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to  
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